

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 were examined and reported in the Office Action. Claims 1-4 are rejected. Claims 1-4 remain.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

It is asserted in the Office Action that claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,014,616 issued to Kim ("Kim") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,356,905 issued to Gershman et al. ("Gershman"). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Applicant's claim 1 contains the limitations of "[a] method for providing a mobile terminal with a software keyboard proper for the language of a country where it is located in a mobile communications network providing global roaming, comprising the steps of: constructing a database on the information of multinational software keyboards in a server; transmitting the information on the location of the mobile terminal to the server; and transmitting the information on the proper software keyboard to the mobile terminal by ascertaining the country."

Applicant's claim 4 contains the limitations of "[a] recording medium programmed by a computer to perform a method for providing a mobile terminal with a software keyboard proper for the language of a country where it is located in a mobile communications network providing global roaming, the method comprising the steps of: constructing a database on the information of multinational software keyboards in a server; transmitting the information on the location of the mobile terminal to the server; and transmitting the information on the proper software keyboard to the mobile terminal by ascertaining the country."

In other words, Applicant's claimed invention asserts a method for providing a mobile terminal with a software keyboard input program for the language used in a country that is not based on a user's request signal, but on the location information of the mobile terminal that is automatically transmitted to a mobile communications network providing global roaming.

Kim discloses a method for monitoring the language used by an operating system, such as Microsoft's Windows ®, to communicate with a user via a display device. As further disclosed by Kim, a user can change linguistic characters by selecting color-coded cursors that indicate the current language being used by the operating system. In order to monitor the language input mode of the operating system without having to shift one's vision to look at the language input mode window, Kim discloses that the cursor bar has the same color as the language indication symbol. Kim's disclosed monitoring method is designed for a large size display unit. In other words, the object of Kim's patent is to provide a method for monitoring the language without shifting one's vision to look at the language input mode window located on the bottom of a display unit, which is used in a conventional operating system, such as Windows ® 3.1, Windows ® 95, etc.

Gershman discloses a web-based information retrieval and display system using a global positioning system (GPS). In Gershman, GPS data is combined with specific user requested data to provide location specific information to a user.

Neither Kim, Gershman, nor the combination teach, disclose or suggest that a software keyboard input program is based on location information of the mobile terminal that is automatically transmitted to a mobile communications network providing global roaming, without a user's request. Since neither Kim, Gershman, nor the combination, teach, disclose or suggest the limitations contained in Applicant's claims 1 and 4, Applicant's claims 1 and 4 are not obvious over Kim in view of Gershman. Additionally, the claims that depend on Applicant's claim 1, namely claims 2 and 3, are also not obvious over Kim in view of Gershman for the same above reason.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection for claims 1-4 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending, namely 1-4, patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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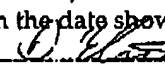
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